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LAME OPPOSITION.

Murder is not the only thing that "will out." Apparently the real sentiments of the Republican party toward trusts are possessed of quite as great intimate capacity for communicating themselves to the public. It was the generally accepted opinion before the Philadelphia convention met that the anti-trust declaration of its platform would go the limit in the expression of hostility to these "monsters of commerce," and that the anti-trust plank would be given a color of sincerity by picturesquely interlarding the convention oratory with denunciation of trusts. In both instances this opinion went far beyond results. The anti-trust plank is as lame and impotent a declaration of hostility as could have been framed; it is merely such a gentle chiding as any favorite child might be expected to receive from an affectionate and indulgent parent who felt that it was incumbent on him to impress the neighbors whose orchards had been robbed with an intention to reform his offspring.

In the oratory, denunciation of the trusts was conspicuous by its absence. What was said upon this burning issue was by way of explanation and apology. The octopus was most distinctly not belabored. There was a disposition to belittle and ridicule the issue. Instead of expressing the firm purpose of the Republican party to correct trust abuses, the orators contented themselves rather with questioning the sincerity of the Democratic party in its opposition to trusts; and there was some fat wit, mightily provocative of merriment from the trust delegates over the connection of Tammany officials with the Ice Trust in New York City.

Doubtless the Republican convention went so far as it dared go in its anti-trust plank. Possibly that aggression flattered itself that it was making the impression on the country at large that the Republican party could be depended on to curb trust activity. If so, it was grievously mistaken. The country believes nothing of the sort. Apart from the fact that nothing has been done during the past four years to check the tendency toward outrageous monopolies, it can not be said that the Republicans in convention assembled acted the part of trust-haters sufficiently well to deceive any considerable number of voters. There was nothing of the ring of sincerity about their profession. In spite of themselves, they were driven by the attitude of the Democrats to betray their real sentiments, and so far as the trusts are to be an issue in the coming campaign, the Democrats stand to win the support of those who believe that the enactment and enforcement of stringent anti-trust legislation is necessary to the legitimate commercial development of the country, and to the preservation of that equality of opportunity which has been at once the boast of the American people and the secret of their unparalleled progress.

Sunday was distressingly signalized by two of the worst railroad disasters of the year—the wreck of a passenger train and the death of thirty-five passengers near Atlanta owing to a wash-out, and the collision on the Chicago and Northwestern, as a result of which six passengers were killed and thirty-four injured. In spite of the use of improved safety appliances and the exercise of constant care in guarding against disasters on the rail, they remain the most frequent and horrible in the chapter of accidents.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONSTITUTION.

Believing that unrestrained imperialistic powers in the hands of the President to be fraught with greater danger to the public weal than even the lives of many citizens, as precious as they are, the Virginian-Pilot has steadfastly opposed every step of the Administration tending towards interfering with European and Asiatic Powers and countries. So far it has been a matter of policy. Now it is an aggressive step by the President, in the teeth of the Constitution, which prohibits any act or deed by the President declaratory of war.

John Randolph Tucker, the greatest Constitutional lawyer of America, in his work on the Constitution, rebukes the President in no uncertain language, as though he anticipated just such a position as the present. Says Mr. Tucker:

"The words 'to declare' include the power to make war, with all the incidents of raising armies and navies, which the Constitution has confided in Congress. It is well, therefore, to guard against the inference that, because the declaration of war is not now held necessary to constitute the status of belligerency, the President may plunge the country into war without that which is equivalent to a declaration of it by Congress."

Mr. Tucker is almost prophetic in his interpretation of the present Chinese incident. "It is well," says he, "to guard against the inference that, because the declaration of war is not now held necessary to constitute the status of belligerency, the President may plunge the country into war."

Thus, the very ground and principles of the Constitution are being evaded. With the greatest care the framers, with a prophetic vision, prepared against the invasion of the rights of the people by the Executive. In express words it prohibits the Executive from declaring war, delegating that power to the Congress alone. The President is declaring war by sending troops to China. That act is of itself a *casus belli*, and so recognized the world over. Foreigners have been murdered in this country, but no foreign troops were landed.

But it is the principle of the thing. One can but wonder what other powers of Congress will the President usurp! If he has the temerity to take one, under cover of a general sympathy with the unfortunate missionaries, how soon will he act for political reasons?

No war has ever been waged by the United States except by act of Congress. And so ought Congress to act in the Chinese case. If the Chinese, like the Mexicans, do unfriendly acts, then Congress, not the President, should declare that "China, by her unfriendly acts, has declared war."

The Virginian-Pilot is waging no war against Mr. McKinley, nor against the Republican party in particular. It is fighting for a principle, for the very groundwork of the American Government, the Constitution. Take away the Constitution, and we have a Monarchy. Allow the President to act as he pleases and chooses, in violation and in degradation of the Constitution, and we might as well not have a Constitution at all. Allow it in one case, it follows in another. Remember how easy it is to become familiar with improper, with dangerous and with obscene sights. Violations of the Constitution like:

"Vice is a monster of such hideous mien,
That to be hated needs but to be seen;
But once familiar with its face,
We first pity, then endure, then embrace."

Actions of to-day will be precedents on the morrow.

THE TOUR OF TEDDY.

Hon. Teddy Roosevelt, the modest and retiring tail of the McKinley kite, announces that he expects to begin a speech-making tour of the country on or about July 4th, and that he purposes to keep up the lick so long as his mind and appetites hold out. Upon this programme the Democrats of the country are to be distinctly congratulated. Give Teddy plenty of rope and he will hang himself very thoroughly and efficiently before the campaign is over. His wearing a Rough Rider hat to the Republican Convention was a pretty good index of Roosevelt's character. His head was well turned before; his reception at Philadelphia completed the process. A poseur and an attitudinizer always, before he is three months older he will have been transformed from a melodramatic hero and apostle of the "strenuous" into an unwitting political buffoon and a butt of ridicule.

Nor is this the only misfortune that is likely to overtake the picturesque protégé of Platt and the Republican party. He is violent and vituperative beyond all precedent in a candidate of his prominence. He is seldom argumentative; he is always vindictive and abusive. To express in the lingo of the fishwife the political principles of Julius Caesar is not the best possible way to attract the votes of American citizens. They may pardon, and even expect, that sort of thing in the hired bush-twister who rattles the shingles on the roofs of the country school-houses for a dollar a day and glory, but they will give it small tolerance when displayed by a candidate for the vice-presidency.

Mr. Roosevelt was good enough to afford the country a foretaste at Philadelphia of the sort of thing it may expect from his tongue, while that virile member holds out to wag. He ornamented his speech seconding the nomination of McKinley with the silly slander, outworn and discarded by even the most fanatic and disreputable of party organs, that the Democrats have deliberately encouraged the Filipinos to further resistance to the American forces. Of demagoguery at once so blatant and mendacious it is not difficult to foresee the finish.

A RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.

The declaration of the Russian Ambassador to Berlin that Russia will not permit a reorganization of the government at Peking is the first explicit statement of Russia's attitude in the Chinese troubles and is certain to provoke comment and accentuate the suspicion with which that country is already regarded. It is noteworthy that this position is not sustained by France, the latter insisting that the Empress Dowager must go. This is the first direct issue that has been raised as between the Powers and, if it shall develop that the Empress Dowager incited the Boxers to increased activity, may lead to grave consequences later.

The fact is well known that the Empress Dowager is a rank usurper without any legitimate authority whatsoever; and if it shall appear—as it certainly seems to at present—that she has used that power to foment riot and to shield the Boxers while they are attempting to exterminate foreigners, her continuance in power will hardly be regarded with complaisance by the allied nations. Indeed, whatever else might be regarded as likely to result from the outbreak, the downfall of the Empress Dowager has been from the first the paramount probability. Russia in declaring that this shall not eventuate has, in a sense, thrown the gauntlet at the feet of the other nations in interest.

Whether the Empress Dowager was guilty of urging the Boxers to greater violence or not, the fact remains that the government, of which she is the head, failed utterly and completely to exercise the primary function of every government to maintain order, and any guarantee that foreign interest will be protected under her regime in future cannot be regarded as of much value. Russia appears to have taken time by the forelock in a very positive manner. If the other Powers yield, Russian influence will hereafter dominate the Celestial Empire.

New York's attempt to win back its lost export trade by building and artificial island in the harbor is merely an effort to grind with water that has passed the mill. The trade has left her and for natural reasons. There is absolutely no reason why it should return beyond the fact, hardly sufficient, that New York wants it to return. Despite its enormous growth New York is bound to become, comparatively, a smaller and smaller factor in the country's trade, both domestic and foreign, from year to year.

Hon. John D. Long is in a position to corroborate the assertion that one's sins usually manage to overtake him. Long made himself the tool of the cabal that persistently persecuted Admiral Schley. The result was that when he was left as the only available administration candidate for the vice-presidential nomination the delegates of the South and West refused to swallow him and Hanna dared not force him on the ticket. And Long wanted the nomination above all things.

Senator Daniel is apparently growing in favor as a Vice-Presidential possibility and should he signify his willingness to accept the nomination at Kansas City he would command strong support from every section of the country.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

WOMEN AND TRUSTS.
(Harper's Bazaar.)

"Take the Standard Oil Company, for instance. The profits of this concern for the current year are estimated at \$2,000,000. Would not Mr. Rockefeller smile, if your son got out to establish a business that would snatch the power to fix prices out of Mr. Rockefeller's hands? Precisely there where trusts have mothers by the footstrings. It is not so bad about prices—we may struggle and meet this—'but trusts impose upon our sons a future of serfdom. The individual enterprise that is possible under a reign of trusts is a resort to the economic conditions of the barbarian. The alternative is serfdom—a clerkship, if you will, a managerial position at a handsome salary in the trust concern perhaps, but he is the minion of the sugar king, the coal baron—the trust that employs him. He is a creature of the trust, with no hope, no future in which he may be master of himself. This is woman's cause for hating trusts, for fearing monopolistic tendencies of every sort. Her boy, yours, and yours are defrauded of their American birthright—liberty and independence—while trusts operate to create a royal descent of money kings to rule the 'common' people. Woman's enemy against trusts is not on economic grounds. It stands on the American principle of liberty and equal rights, and the strength of it is the force of a mother's pride in her son."

THE DEMOCRATIC IMMORTAL.
(Courier-Journal.)

It takes a good deal to kill a party. The Democratic party seemed tolerably well killed when it committed harikari in 1860 and permitted the Republicans to pass into power through the breach begun at Charleston and finally effected at Baltimore. It looked as though it could not survive the success of the Union army in a war which, but a little while before its close, it deliberately and formally declared to be a failure. Surely if it were not intended to be immortal the Greeley episode would have sufficed to lay it low. Yet, after all these reverses, it managed to get upon its feet and to regain the seats of the mighty.

In 1896 the regular Democrats polled six millions and a half of votes. Niggers included, and one million Gold Democrats besides. The Republicans polled only a little more than half a million more. These are significant figures. They will have to be reckoned with by the politicians.

THE WHEAT CROP.
(N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

Mr. Snow, the crop statistician, estimates the wheat production of Minnesota and the two Dakotas this year at 75,000,000 bushels. This is a pretty serious crop failure as to this important district. But in stating the decrease as

compared with last year and the year before, it is important to observe whether the official or the unofficial crop figures are used. Mr. Snow's forecast in the Chicago "Times-Herald" is said to give the decrease at 125,000,000 from last year and 150,000,000 from 1898. But this assumes crop figures for those years above the figures of the Department of Agriculture. The official statement of the crops of these three States was 176,113,000 bushels in 1898 and 157,711,000 bushels in 1899. A crop this year of 75,000,000 would be a decrease of 83,000,000 bushels. About half of this promises to be made up by Kansas and Oklahoma. Politically, a large crop and a high price in such a hot-bed of populism as Kansas can hardly be overestimated in a year of a national election. Mr. Joy Martin, of Joy, Morton & Co., Chicago, has just returned from a trip over the Atchison road with the assurance that Kansas and Oklahoma will yield 100,000,000 bushels of wheat. The crop last year, as officially stated, was 52,671,000 bushels. In case of the Western States the reduction of acreage, it should be borne in mind, is a reduction from the exceptionally large area sown last fall, and not a reduction from the normal area.

BRYAN'S CHANCES.
(Chicago Times-Herald, Rep.)

If a man like Bird S. Coler is nominated for Governor by the Democrats against any stool-pigeon Tom Platt may name, does any one doubt that the disgust over the political assassination of the Rough Rider will endanger both the state and national Republican tickets?

He is but a shadow student of the crooked ways of New York politics who does not fear the worst from the jockeying that has rehabilitated Thos. C. Platt as the undisputed middle, end and confidence man of Republican power in New York.

By playing the game for Thomas C. Platt the Republican delegates from the West have confronted their constituents with this ill-favored table of November possibilities:

Bryan vote in 1896	176
New York's electoral vote	36
Kentucky's electoral vote	12
Maryland's electoral vote	8
Total	232
Necessary to elect	224
*Including one from Kentucky.	

It will be perceived that if Bryan wins in New York, Kentucky and Maryland, in addition to the States he carried in 1896, he will be elected.

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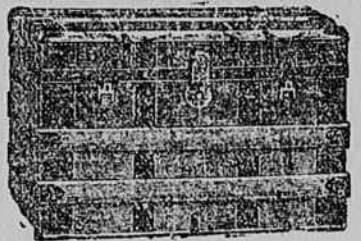
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